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# MONTEREY NEWS



October, 1978

## OUR TOWN

### Democratic Party Square Dance and Auction

Despite a cold, damp evening, the Democratic Party Square Dance in Tom Bradley's barn was deemed a success by coordinators Matt Williams and Kay Mielke. Over \$200 was taken in after expenses, and, all together about 75-100 people came. An auction of donated items took place from 6:30 until 8:30, with auctioneer Jimmy Martin providing indefatigable banter. Bidding was enthusiastic from the smallest to the largest item, the most noteworthy being a pair of well-seasoned snowshoes once belonging to Parker Harmon, police chief of Monterey several decades ago.

Karl Finger arrived at 8:30 to call square dancing. Several squares assembled, and dust was raised at least to nose level, as many will testify. The Monterey Co-op provided snacks, wine and apple juice. Proceeds from the affair will go toward campaign expenses for local candidates and, if appropriate, to contributions to candidates for state elections.

### Route 23 and Route 57

Police Chief Doug Lyman reports an inordinate amount of automobile accidents at the intersection of Route 23 and Route 57, near the Hayloft Gallery. Lyman says that there have been more accidents there in the past six months, since the state's \$1.88 thousand improvement project on the Blue Hill Road/Route 23 and Route 57/Route 23 intersections, than there have been in all his eight years on the police force. Out of 15 to 20 reported accidents a year in Monterey, there have been half a dozen in the last half year at the Route 57 intersection. One car overturned. One ploughed across Route 23 into a fence across the road. Skid marks and demolished road signs indicate several near misses that went unreported. The "Keep Right" sign in the traffic island was knocked down two nights in a row. Lyman says you never know exactly why a place becomes a hazard to drivers, but he has made the following recommendations to the Selectmen: to replace the streetlight which the state removed when they made their improvements. To replace the small speed zone sign on Route 57 with the type of sign which was formerly in place there, a big 4 ft. by 4 ft. Caution sign which indicates a Dangerous Intersection and a Stop Ahead. The Selectmen sent a letter expressing their concerns to the Department of Public Works and received a reply which requested more data, including an itemized report of all accidents which have occurred in the last five years at this intersection. Meanwhile, drivers are advised to proceed with caution in the area.

### Winter Drawdown

The water level of Lake Garfield began to be lowered Saturday, October 7, for the continuing program of winter weed-freezing. The optimum depth of the drawdown will be between six and seven vertical feet, and should be accomplished in approximately thirty days. Those lakeshore property owners who intend to perform dock and beach maintenance should plan to do so according to this schedule.

### Policeman Resigns

Police Officer Jim Miller offered his resignation, effective August 21, in order to move to Florida.

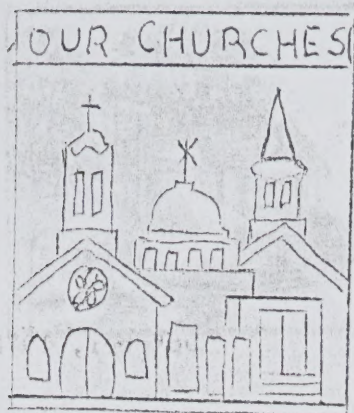
### Winter Dump Hours

Winter dump hours are as follows:

Sunday -- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Monday -- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
Tuesday -- Closed  
Wednesday -- 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday -- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Friday -- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday -- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule: Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield,  
Saturday - 5:30 p.m., Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,  
10:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Mill River, Sunday -  
10:00 a.m.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning Worship each Sunday, 10:30 a.m. . . . .  
Kindergarten class Sundays, 10:30 a.m. . . . .  
Weddings: Patricia Varney and Michael Thidobean,

September 9 at the Egremont Country Club; Deborah Borchat and Martin Bernstein,  
September 10 at Bucksteep Manor in Becket.

Laity Sunday Laity Sunday was celebrated on October 8 with a group of lay persons  
taking entire responsibility for the morning worship. Those taking  
worship leadership roles were Robert Ensign, Hedy Craven, Margery  
Janes, Ernest Bailey, Mary Ward, Hadley Simons, Harold Greene and Marie Brallier.  
The purpose of Laity Sunday is to emphasize that the Church truly is the "laos,"  
the people of God.

Massachusetts Conference The Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ will  
meet in Worcester on Saturday, October 28. One of the principal  
items of the meeting will be to adopt a budget for the 1979-80  
year. Delegates to the meeting will be Mary Ward and Hadley Simons. The minister  
will also be participating.

## GROWTH

"The prettiest thing in spring,"

The gardener said, "is a plot

Of earth all spaded and raked

And level and soft, with not

The print of a foot on the loam.

But when it is planted it looks

Like nothing--like nothing at all--

Just trampled disorder again.

And it's even worse in the fall

When the harvest is carried home."

I thought of the wonderful seed

Unfolding beneath the ground,

But knew I would not be sound

In arguing with the man.

For growth is never as neat

And perfect as a plan.

Margery Mansfield

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS RE TAXES

Tax bills are late this year, therefore bills sent after October 1 are payable within  
30 days after issue.

Henry Makuc  
Tax Collector



## GUILT REVISITED

Last month I wrote on "What Shall We Do about Guilt?" I am grateful to those who responded with their own reactions to their experiences of guilt. Of those who responded, all recognized that guilt does indeed take a strong role in the shaping of our lives. In general, the responses fell into two categories. People saw the "long arm of guilt" reaching down through the years -- shaping and often misshaping their lives. Yet just as many had also some good words to say about guilt. They saw guilt as a force that shaped a conscience teaching them to care deeply about other people, society and themselves. The largest percentage of those responding had both positive and negative feelings about their experience with guilt. One person summed up her experiences with guilt as "good guilt" and "bad guilt," and recognized that guilt can be two-sided in its effect. One side may bring positive developments in the personality and the other may be destructive of our true well-being.

Let us, therefore, look first of all at the side of guilt that people have seen as beneficial in their life development. Almost without exception the "good guilt" is identified as that element which has made them socially responsible. The development of conscience and the capacity to feel themselves an active, sharing part of the human community is what they feel the right kind of guilt has helped them achieve

When we remember that to be human is to be part of a more or less tightly knit community, then it is not surprising that many people see this as the positive side of guilt. Yes, the large part of our values are socially transmitted. Steadily and deeper than we realize we grow up surrounded with all kinds of signals, some of which are saying, "Do this," and others, "Don't do that." We find people dreaming of what it would be like to grow up in a totally permissive society in which children are free to choose anything their hearts desire. Indeed, we have seen attempts to implement this kind of a philosophy. Yet let us be honest and admit this is an idea that exists more in a dream world than in actual fact. Erik Erikson speaks of watching "a generation of parents with their hands tied behind their backs." This was a generation of parents who thought their own parents had laid too heavy a hand on them, so they were determined to be open and permissive with their children. And the results? He feels they would have done better by their children if their hands had been "untied." True, they were not striking their children, but they were harming them even more by stored up anger and resentment. Erikson concluded that both parents and children would have fared far better if these parents had not been so worried about producing guilt in their offspring.

There is no simple way to be human. If to be human is to receive a large part of life as a social inheritance there is no way to avoid the introduction of guilt into our lives. This is so well established that it is unlikely that any other "way" will soon appear.

Yet having recognized that guilt seems to be deeply implanted in our developmental process we should not brush over lightly the enormous amount of damage that "bad guilt" is doing in the lives of people. Truly, there is great need to find ways to relieve the unnecessary burden of guilt with which many people struggle. Such people run their lives like a car I followed on the road several days ago. It was clear from the way the car was proceeding that the driver had one foot on the brake and one on the accelerator. What a terrible waste of energy! Yet consider the terrible waste of human resource when men and women keep applying an overdeveloped guilt "brake" at the same time they are trying to accelerate in useful, constructive ways. If we could see what was happening we might conclude that most of their energy is being expended on opposing forces within them. In the meantime they find themselves exhausted, with very little forward movement.

All the major religions address the problem of guilt. In various ways they seek to give us the "courage to be." They ask us to be open about our frailty, our incompleteness, our guilt, to accept these as given qualities of our humanness. Yet they ask us to have the faith, the nerve, the courage to trust God or trust the life process to lead us through the wilderness of paradox and contradiction that exists within us. Some are able to use the traditional religious way to throw off the effects of "bad guilt" and some are not. Psychological approaches have tried to reduce guilt, yet it seems with more limited success than the religious method.

I would be pleased to keep the dialogue going. Although the human condition seems to continue the same, we need to remember that it is in process -- it is continuing to become something new. Changes are coming in the area of consciousness. Who can say what changes are coming in our guilt consciousness? Is it too presumptuous to believe that by our awareness of the dilemma of guilt we might give a better shape to our guilt?

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister  
Monterey United Church of Christ





In September and early October the Farm has enjoyed visits from friends in other countries. Ineke Drees, of the Netherlands, a former work leader, spent two weeks of her vacation here. Dr. and Mrs. Fred Chapman of Sussex, England, are here with their son and his family, Hugh, Patsy, Justin and Heather. The Farm community takes pleasure in meeting the senior Chapmans, and all their family are obviously happy to be together, in Heather's case for the first time. Andreas Kahlo from Frankfurt, Germany, came first to Canada on a program of six weeks work there and six and a half weeks visiting in the United States, starting at Twin Oaks, in Virginia. There he met Anneke

MacIntosh and learned about Gould Farm. He has been here for ten days and will return this week to Frankfurt. He hopes to start a rehabilitation community of his own in Germany.

For most of the past year the office has hobbled along with only part-time secretarial help. To the great relief of all concerned, Mrs. Mary Sandback of White Plains, New York, has now joined the staff as secretary.

Several new work leaders have come to fill vacancies left by those who have moved on. First to arrive last month was Larry Abrams of Staten Island, New York. He has a B.A. from the City University of New York in psychology. He heard about the Farm from H.B. Pearl, who is a member of the Board of Directors.

Suzanne Pigford came from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She first learned of the Farm through Randy and Brynn Schmidt, recently on the staff. Suzanne plans to stay at least a year, possibly longer. She graduated in August from Millersville State College in Pennsylvania with a major in psychology and a minor in art. She has worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse and also as a Teacher's Aide.

Lauren and John Page returned to the Farm shortly after their wedding in Lexington, Massachusetts. Lauren has been a work leader for the past year. John graduated from Keene State College in Keene, New Hampshire, with a B.S. in education.

Ken Jason of Long Island, New York, is an undergraduate at Antioch College. He is here for six months on the staff as part of his college program.

Rose McKee

#### MONTEREY GRANGE #291

The Monterey Grange met September 20. The program for the evening was "Know Your Grange," followed by a variety program.

The last meeting, on October 4 was a Halloween costume party. Prizes were won by the Rev. Ray Ward, Amy Enoe, Maurice Wright and Lynn Wright. Judges were Irv and Louise Halsted and Ethel Ketchen. There were games and fortune telling and members enjoyed a hobo lunch brought by the members.

The next meeting will be October 18 for "Past State Officers' Night." A special program is planned.

Plans are in progress for a public card party.

It was voted to repair the entrance of the Grange Hall.

Master John Lossen has recently been a patient at Wensted Memorial Hospital.

Master John Lossen and Lecturer Mary Wallace will be delegates to the State Grange Convention this month at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Mary Wallace  
Lecturer





4-H

The Berkshire County 4-H Organization is sponsoring an Open Horse Show at the Great Barrington Fairgrounds on October 15. There will be two rings and two judges, 20 English Classes and 22 Western Classes. A coggins Test is required. There is no admission charge. Local businesses are being asked to sponsor special events.

#### BOY SCOUTS

##### Cub Scouts

Monterey and New Marlborough Cub Scouts are meeting together this year as Cub Pack 51. Maryellen Brown and Marsha Harvey are leaders. The Cubs visited the Berkshire National Fish Hatchery in Hartsville as one of their first projects. In the future they will be studying First Aid and Hospital Emergency Health Care. The first Pack Meeting will be November 17. 1978 Cubs are: Clifford Love, Mark Seavey, Chris Johnston, John Blanchard, Eddie Harvey, B.B. Burkholder, Kippy Makuc, Jimmy Decker and Doug Brown.

##### Webelos

Irene Smith is organizing the Webelos group this year, with the help of Roy Blount, Wayne Eline and Ed Smith. Members are Kirven Blount, Patrick Eline and Sean Smith.

##### Boy Scouts

Mr. Sidney Weinstein of the Kolburne School is interested in organizing a Boy Scout Troop. Interested boys and volunteer leaders are urged to contact Mr. Weinstein at 229-8531.

#### GIRL SCOUTS

##### Brownies

The Brownie Troop this year is being led by Nancy Kolodner and Maureen Bradley. The girls had their organizational meeting on October 5 in the library basement. Interested volunteer helpers are invited to call Maureen Bradley at 528-0782.

##### Juniors and Cadettes

The Juniors and Cadettes will be meeting together on Wednesday afternoons in the library basement. Linda Whitbeck is the leader.

#### YOUTH GROUP

The Monterey Youth Group began its fall season with a potluck supper on Sunday, October 8. Plans for the fall include an overnight retreat to a church center in Cummington, Massachusetts, on November 3 and 4, and at least one major social event, such as bowling, once a month.

The work project for the year is assistance on mailing out the MONTEREY NEWS.

Discussion topics will mix the Identity Series of last year with other programs.

The group is picking apples this weekend and will have them packaged for sale. Watch for evidence of this health-giving fruit the Youth Group will be offering to Monterey residents. The price is not determined yet, but they promise to give you a better buy than you can get in the supermarkets. For information and possible orders on this Monterey Youth Apple Special call Jimmy Gauthier at 528-1624.



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#### Alternate Registrars of Voters

There being no provision in state law for alternate registrars of voters, our present alternates have been deleted from the list of Town Officers. Former alternates are Vivian Bynack, Ruth Champigny, Margaret Vorck and Jean Brown.

#### Gun Permits

Gun Permits, formerly issued on Fridays, will now be available in the Town Assessors' Office at 8:00 p.m. on the first Monday of every month.

#### Commemorative Bench at Town Beach

In case there are people who are still confused about the little brick structure at the Town Beach, here is the story: It is a bench erected this year by the Monterey Historical Society to provide a resting place for both beachgoers and for a marble plaque on which is written, "Water rights purchased and given to the town by the summer and townspeople, 1913." The water rights in question were the rights to raise and lower the level of the water in Lake Garfield, and previous to 1913 these rights were owned by various manufacturers down the river. Lake dwellers observed that their shoreline arbitrarily ebbed and flowed according to the whims of these businessmen, and they decided to join forces and purchase the power to determine water levels for themselves. This was done with dispatch, and the plaque commemorates that action. Lake Garfield shimmers beyond the brick bench in affirmation of what was done.

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